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Application No.: 10/612,094 First Named Applicant: Isaac Weiser  
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#### Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

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### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
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#### Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Claims as amended overcome the prior art references presently of record.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Isaac Weiser : Group  
Serial No: 10/612,094 : Art Unit #3679  
Filed: 1 July 2003 : Examiner:  
Title: PLASTIC CONNECTOR FOR : E. Garcia  
CONNECTING PARTS AND  
METHOD THEREFOR :

**PROPOSED AMENDED CLAIMS**  
**(INFORMAL COMMUNICATION – NOT FOR ENTRY)**

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims  
in the subject Patent Application:

**PROPOSED Listing of Claims:**

1. (Withdrawn) A connecting structure, comprising:
  - a post with a first end, middle portion, and a second end; and
  - a plurality of prongs flexibly connected to said first end, extending away from said post and toward said second end in a generally V-shape configuration and an abutment stop intermediate said middle portion and said second end.
  
2. (Withdrawn) The connecting structure of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of prongs are configured to extend through an aperture and expand to a width larger than the aperture.

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3. (Withdrawn) The connecting structure of Claim 2, wherein said second end is adapted to be received by a coil spring that is adjacent to said second end of said post.

4. (Currently amended) A novelty system comprising:

a body having a plurality of apertures;

one or more appendages corresponding to said plurality of apertures <sup>for securement</sup> and ~~adapted to be secured~~ to project in ~~displaceably~~ <sup>(okay)</sup> suspended manner from said body, each said appendage including at least one connecting member ~~extending flexibly therefrom~~ <sup>flexible</sup>;

a connecting structure that secures said one or more appendages to said body comprising:

a post with a plurality of prongs flexibly coupled to a first end of said post and adapted to be inserted through said plurality of apertures and retained therein. <sup>←</sup> ~~said prongs being configured for extending towards~~ <sup>said body to terminate at respective termini for engagement therewith</sup>

5. (Currently amended) The novelty of Claim 4, wherein said one or more appendages comprises a wing-like structure.

6. (Currently amended) The novelty of Claim 5, wherein said connecting structure member includes a second end configured to connect to said one or more appendages.

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7. (Currently amended) The novelty of Claim 6, wherein said one or more appendages comprise an enclosure configured to secure to said second end of said connecting structure member.

8. (Currently amended) The novelty of Claim 7, wherein said connecting structure member is a coil spring.

9. (Currently amended) The novelty of Claim 8, wherein said connecting structure member has a spring constant that allows the appendages to be freely movable with respect to said body responsive to wind actuation ~~under application of relatively low forces.~~

10. (Currently amended) A method of constructing a novelty comprising:  
shipping in at least partially unassembled manner ~~, in a package,~~ a novelty which comprises a body with apertures for receiving connecting structures, one or more appendages including at least one connecting member extending flexibly therefrom, and coupling structures configured to adaptively connect said appendages to said body;  
~~unpackaging~~ unpacking said novelty; and

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securing said appendages to project in displaceably suspended manner from said body by operatively connecting said connecting structures with said apertures of said body.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said securing includes inserting said connecting structures into said apertures.

12. (Withdrawn) A method for constructing a connecting connector, comprising:

producing a post with securing prongs;  
inserting said post into a first end of a connecting member; and  
coupling said post to said connecting member.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 12, further comprising coupling a second end of said connecting member to an appendage.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13, wherein said connecting member is a coil spring.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 14, wherein said connecting member is generally L-shaped.

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16. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 15, wherein said coupling the post comprises heating said post to create a barrier such that said connecting member is not easily removable from said post.

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